

Dear Neighbor,

The budget battle dominated the headlines at the Capitol for much of the year. We cut spending by more than \$3 billion, made smart investments in our economy and cut the sales tax. As the recession ends, I will continue working to help stabilize Connecticut's economy and grow jobs.

Sincerely,



State Senator Joe Crisco

**State Funding for
Naugatuck: Good
News for Education**

I am pleased to report that Naugatuck will see an increase of **\$64,862** in total state education funding.



State Senator
Joe Crisco

Legislative Office Building, Room 2800
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Capitol: 1-800-842-1420

E-mail: Crisco@senatedems.ct.gov

Web: SenatorCrisco.cga.ct.gov

← **TO SIGN-UP FOR MY
E-NEWSLETTER, VISIT MY WEB SITE**

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARTFORD CT
PERMIT NO. 3937



State Senator Joe Crisco's Legislative Update



Breast Cancer Early Detection

Obtaining a yearly mammogram is one of the steps women take in order to detect breast cancer at an early stage. But for women with dense breast tissue, mammography may not reveal cancerous breast tissue. That is why I worked for passage of legislation that requires all mammogram reports to include information about breast density, so that women will have the necessary information to discuss with their primary care physician the need for further screening, perhaps through ultrasound or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Insurance Coverage for Autism: Helping Families, Savings for Taxpayers

Insurance companies now are required to cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. This is good news for many families whose children have autism, and for Connecticut taxpayers. For families, this coverage means that their children now can obtain the necessary early interventions and treatments. **For taxpayers, it means a savings of \$3.6 million over two years** as insurance dollars will replace tax dollars in the funding of certain state programs.

Fighting for a Fair Budget

The compromise budget we passed in September includes more than \$3 billion in spending cuts, which affected every agency and all parts of government. At the same time, we were able to protect middle-class families, the elderly, children and the poor from devastating cuts to critical services. Thanks to the Democrats' efforts, the LIFE STAR medical helicopter will continue to save lives and college students will have access to financial aid. We also lowered the sales tax and raised revenues from joint filers making more than \$1 million a year.

Small Businesses: The Backbone of Our Economy

We helped protect small businesses and their workers from the recession by:

- Opposing efforts to shut down business incubators, economic assistance grants and supply-chain initiatives
- Giving businesses access to the state health insurance pool, which, unfortunately the governor vetoed

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDS FOR NAUGATUCK

\$420,000	Community Development
\$150,000	Traffic Control Signal Installations
\$800,000	Rubber Avenue Bridge
\$344,432	Town Walk Sidewalks
\$117,459	Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant
\$212,023	Public Housing
\$1,987,000	Local Education Agency (LEA)
\$48,300	Train Station Maintenance, Repair and Improvement
\$22,684	Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

\$4,101,898 TOTAL